
Minutes
Special Workshop Meeting
Tuesday, December 9, 2014

Present: Mayor Pro-Tem Jeff Turek, Councilmen Garth Nisson, Kress Staheli, Thad Seegmiller, City Manager Roger Carter, City Recorder Danice Bulloch, Public Works Director Mike Shaw, Assistant Public Works Director Lester Dalton, Engineer Ray Alton, Audience: Kendall Turner, Rhaldo Turner, Dave Olsen, Wanda Olsen

Site Visit commenced at 5:00 P.M.

- **Review of draining in the surrounding area.**

Kendall Turner briefly reviewed the subdivision history. An agreement was made between Rhaldo Turner and John VanStavern and Chuck Spilker. The agreement was going to be to allow the drainage from Springhill Estates to drain onto the turf farm, and the drainage was to be piped within a few years. The pipe was eventually installed a couple years ago, but was only designed for a 10 year flood.

Councilman Turek stated it would not matter what size of pipe was placed in the ground if the water is not flowing into it.

Councilman Staheli asked if there was any water from the turf farm going into the pipe.

Kendall Turner stated the water from above the shed on the farm goes into the drainage as well.

Public Works Director Mike Shaw stated there is water coming off the turf farm, as well as Rhaldo's Subdivision. When there are storms, the runoff will come from everywhere including the turf farm.

Assistant Public Works Director Lester Dalton reviewed the contours from 2012, which shows the drainage flows. The pipe was sized to be an 18 inch, which should carry a 100 year event for the area it was designed.

Kendall Turner commented an 18" pipe is undersized for the amount of water coming out of the subdivision.

Mr. Dave Olsen stated the water was coming up out of the manhole and running to his house.

Engineer Ray Alton explained the runoff from the farm was not accounted for in the drainage. There are flows coming from areas not included in the calculations.

Assistant Public Works Director Dalton stated even with a larger pipe, they would have had the same issues. The entire drainage system was over capacity downstream to the Virgin River.

Councilman Staheli asked if there alternatives to only piping the drainage.

Mr. Alton stated they can have both pipe and drainage ditches. However, the pipe cannot handle the amount of the water when it falls in that short of a time frame regardless.

Public Works Director Shaw stated the issue we have with ditches are they have to be cleaned every single year.

Mr. Kendall Turner commented regardless, there needs to be something in place.

Public Works Director Shaw reviewed the right of way issues along with types of drainage basins. If additional drainage is needed on the other side of the farm, then easement would need to be acquired. He will have the engineer look at options to add capacity.

Assistant Public Works Director Dalton asked if Rhaldo Turner would be amenable to granting an additional easement for drainage if it were to be needed.

Mr. Rhaldo Turner stated he would be will to grant an easement.

Mr. Kendall Turner stated if the ditch would have been left the flooding would not have happened, and the City should be liable.

Public Works Director Shaw stated we have never had an event like this, with the amount of water that fell in such a short amount of time. At least since he has been with Washington City.

Mr. Olsen stated the City should be willing to pay for at least a part of their damages.

City Manager Carter stated there are avenues with national flood insurance, which he will get sent over to the Olsens.

Ms. Olsen stated she is so emotion because her home has been destroyed at this point. They could not even sell their home now. It has been flooded twice since the pipe has been installed. They had to completely strip the basement, and throw everything away.

Mayor Pro-Tem Turek thanked everyone who attended the meeting, and explained they would work with the engineer toward some type of resolution.

Councilman Seegmiller made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Nisson seconded the motion; which passed with the following roll call vote:

Councilman Nisson Aye

Councilman Seegmiller *Aye*
Councilman Staheli *Aye*
Mayor Pro-Tem Turek *Aye*

Meeting adjourned at 5:42 P.M.

Passed and approved this 11th day of January 2015.



Attest by:

Danice B. Bulloch

Danice B. Bulloch, CMC
City Recorder

Washington City

Kenneth F. Neilson

Kenneth F. Neilson, Mayor

